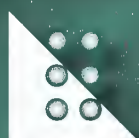


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HALL of FAME: LEADERS AND LEGENDS OF THE BLINDNESS FIELD



Class of 2013
Induction Ceremony

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Martha Morrow Foxx
Laurence C. Jones

Opening Remarks

Bob Brasher, Curator, Hall of Fame

History of the Piney Woods Country Life School

B.J. LeJeune, Training Supervisor

National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision
Mississippi State University, Starkville

Martha Morrow Foxx

Introduction by

Dr. Rosie Pridgen, Recently Retired Superintendent
Mississippi School for the Blind, Jackson

Remarks by

Napoleon Campbell, former student

Dr. Laurence C. Jones

Introduction by

B.J. LeJeune

Remarks by

Laurence C. Jones III, grandson

Closing Remarks

Dr. Tuck Tinsley

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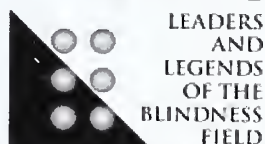
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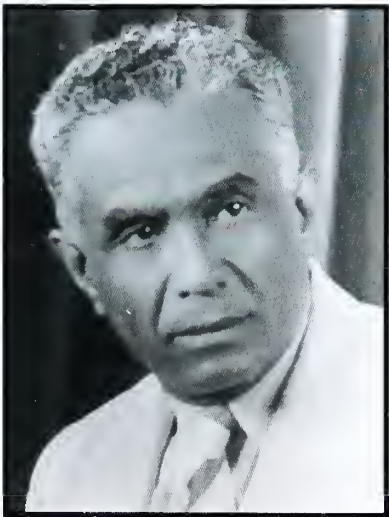
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Martha Morrow Foxx (1902-1975)



Ms. Foxx guided the “blind school” at the Piney Woods Country Life School in Mississippi from inception (1929) until 1951 when it became the Mississippi School for the Negro Blind in Jackson, where she served as director until retirement (1969). Her innovative and dynamic philosophy of instruction outside the walls of the school to hone touch, sound, and smell, focused students on becoming self-reliant. Teachers, both black and white, from around the country came to Piney Woods to learn and embrace her methods – in the heart of our segregated nation. She personified courage, persistence, and unlimited patience. Her curriculum was adopted by the “white” school for the blind in the late 1940s.

Laurence C. Jones (1884-1975)



The Piney Woods Country Life School was founded in 1909 by Dr. Jones as a residential place to provide vocational and academic schooling for poor black children and grandchildren of slaves. In the 1920s, Dr. Jones added the education of blind children to the school’s purpose – always advocating for education that touched “the mind, the heart, and the hands.” He is credited with guiding the 30-year effort to establish the Mississippi School for the Negro Blind and eventually for integrating the two schools. In 1945, he invited Helen Keller to Piney Woods – she then helped convince the Mississippi legislature to fund the establishment of the school. Dr. Jones dared to educate the excluded – dared to include a department to educate blind students which was far different from the expectations of that time.

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